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Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 145 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/53/891.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 63rd meeting on 28 May 1999. Comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5./53/SR.63).

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chairman

3. At the 63rd meeting, on 28 May, the representative of Portugal and coordinator of the informal consultations on this item informed the Committee that no agreement had been reached during the consultations.

4. At the same meeting, in the light of the statement made by the representative of Portugal and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it defer consideration of this item to the main part of its fifty-fourth session (see para. 6).

5. Following the adoption of the draft decision, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Germany (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Egypt, Cuba and Poland (see A/C.5/53/SR.63).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B" to the main part of its fifty-fourth session.